

Development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1830. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to take the work of widening and development of National Highways in the State at an early date; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of National Highways is a continuous process. Proposals for widening and development of National Highways in the State totaling to a cost of Rs. 85.00 crore have been included in the Annual Plan 2000-01. In addition, widening and development of National Highways No. 5 and 7 is also being done by National Highways Authority of India in phased manner under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) entrusted to them.

Extension of Golden Quadrilateral to Kerala

1831. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to extend Golden Quadrilateral to Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will extend the Golden Quadrilateral to connect the main parts in the western coast like Cochin, Mangalore and Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There have been a number of representation for extending the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) to Kerala.

(c) and (d) Presumably, the Honourable Member is referring to extend the GQ to connect the main ports in the western coast. The National Highway Development Project (NHDP) consists of GQ connecting four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai and Mumbai, North-South corridor connecting